

**Author's Perspective**

**Review** **Author's perspective** is the combination of ideas, values, feelings, and beliefs that influence the way a writer looks at a topic. One clue to an author's perspective is the **tone**, or attitude, conveyed in a work. The tone can be determined by noticing the kind of words the author uses to describe the subject.

**Directions:** First, **read** the boxed passage. Then circle the **best** answer.

Until this month, the intersection of Madison and Washington had been home to a pleasant mix of mom-and-pop stores, as well as a park with more than a dozen old oak trees. A used bookstore, a family-run diner, and a much-needed shoe repair shop all made the corner unique.

Now that is all gone—it has been mowed down by the bulldozers of big business. In its place will spring up a huge, ugly “super center” and an even huger parking lot.

1. Which word **best** describes the tone of this passage?
  - a. angry
  - b. humorous
  - c. objective
  - d. awed
2. Which phrase from the passage helps create its tone?
  - a. *the intersection of Madison and Washington*
  - b. *a pleasant mix of mom-and-pop stores*
  - c. *a huge, ugly “super center”*
  - d. *all made the corner unique*
3. Which sentence **best** describes the author's perspective on this topic?
  - a. People are foolish when they try to stop progress.
  - b. Small businesses are almost never profitable these days.
  - c. Businesses have no right to make money in neighborhoods.
  - d. It's a shame when neighborhoods lose their uniqueness.